

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 6, 2005.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not showing every feature of the invention recited in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner has noted that there is no "elliptic" hole as was recited, observing that Figs. 4-5 do not show what is considered to be a hole having such a shape. The present specification and claims have been amended to refer to and recite an "elongated" hole, as illustrated in and clearly supported by the original drawings. This term is believed to be more appropriate.

With this change to the specification and claims, it is respectfully submitted that no drawing changes are necessary. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that his matter has been obviated.

Claim 4 was objected to as being improperly dependent on more than one preceding claim. Claim 4 has been amended to overcome this objection.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims have now been amended to obviate this rejection. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now clear, definite and in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Hiltwein, et al. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as presently set forth reciting the invention in full, clear and concise terms, recites subject matter which is entirely different from anything which is disclosed in this reference. Indeed, there is no structure in the Hiltwein, et al. reference which is remotely analogous to the subject matter recited in claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments overcome all issues set forth in the Office Action, and place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

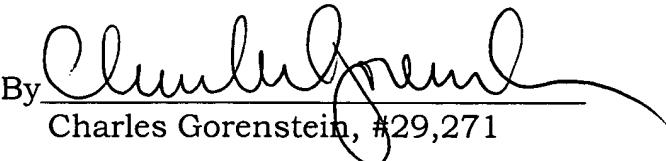
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein (Reg. No. 29,271) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

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02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

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